

Middletown Commission on the Arts

Minutes, November 28, 2012

Present

Lee Godburn (chair)
Jenny Hawkins Lecce (sec.)
Richard Kamins
Lea Tomaszewski
Franca Biales
Charlotte McCoid (7:02)
Barbara Arafeh (7:02)
Joyce Kirkpatrick (left at 7:50)

Also Present

Stephan Allison, staff

Absent

Cassandra Day (vice-chair)
Fran Ganguli

Linda Salafia (council)
Bob Santangelo (council)

Lauren Hodge (student rep)
Chelsea Rak (student rep)

Call to order

Commission Chair Lee Godburn called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at 100 Riverview Center, Suite 140

Public session: None

Minutes from October 24, 2012

Motion to approve by Richard, seconded by Franca. Passed with one abstention from Joyce.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the meeting agenda as written by Richard seconded by Joyce. Carried unanimously.

Remarks from the Chair

Lee thanked the commission for their regular attendance and reminded them that the next meeting is scheduled for December 12.

Old Business:

Budget Report – Stephan presented the commission with a new format for presenting a monthly budget report. This may also be available as a PDF for paperless distribution.

Program Update

- a) Arts Stakeholders Group: ReMix will meet in December.
- b) Arts & Creative Industries Council (Chamber of Commerce): No report.
- c) Website – Arts2Go.org - The website has two new pages, one for the physical/spiritual arts and the other for galleries/museums/exhibits, to allow for expanded coverage of these specialized areas. We are in the process of adding a Just for Kids page.
- d) Other: None

Committee Reports:

Public Art Committee:

- a) Catalogue of Public Art Collection: Ursel's Web is rematting the Rooster lithograph. Lee mentioned that the Display Case is very static and that we might provide some seasonal accents. A very welcome suggestion and Lee will take the lead on this.
- b) MCAAAA 2013 – coming up in the end of May. We will select judges in April.
- c) Display Area Dedication: ongoing

Planning & Projects Committee:

- a) 40th Anniversary - The event will include docent tours of the artworks (led by the arts commissioners) and a small presentation of our new catalogue.
- b) Arts Advocacy Day nominee suggestions: Ongoing. We will look to make final selection during the December meeting. Commissioners are asked to please come to the December meeting with their suggestions.

Nominating Committee:

- a) Review of Bylaws: ongoing.
- b) David Davis letter of resignation has been received and the commission thanks him for his service. Commissioners are asked to please come to the December meeting with suggestions for the vacant commission position.

Other: (Publicity Committee, Kids Arts Committee, Archive Committee):

Publicity: on going

Kids Arts: DECD-COA ACPill We will be hearing about our grant application in December. The funds, if we receive them, will extend our Kids Arts program into a full day program for two consecutive summers. In the application process, we were ranked 8 out of 33.

New Business:

Meeting Schedule for 2013: Motion to accept the schedule as presented by Richard, seconded by Jenny. Discussion followed. Carried unanimously.

Other: None

Miscellaneous:

Grant Reports: Stephan proposes that rather than copy and mail each and every grant report, that he alerts the commission when they come in and the commissioners can read them on site and also see the accompanying materials that do not usually get copied. It was decided that the 3-page report could be converted to pdf format and emailed to the commissioners. Discussions about the upcoming year included interest in seeing the placemaker outdoor festival Shakespeare in the Grove return to MxCC.

Announcements: Middletuners will be presenting programs on December 7 at Middlesex Health Care. The MHS students were selected to decorate the Connecticut tree for the Capitol Christmas trees along the ellipse by the Washington Monument and circle the big national tree. The students who worked on the project will be traveling to the capitol on the 21st through the 22nd.

The WesWinds Ensemble, led by Peter Hadley, will be presenting their winter concert with Shaped Note music with Neely Bruce.

Thorton Wilder's Our Town at the MHS will open November 29, 30, Dec. 1.

Choral Arts New England presented the Greater Middletown Chorale with the Alfred Nash Patterson Award. Congratulations to the GMC. GMC will be presenting Holiday from the Heart on December 1 and 2 in Portland. November Chamber Breakfast included a performance by the GMC.

Other: Lee shared that Artists for World Peace on Broadway II was able to proceed in spite of Super Storm Sandy and not one artist cancelled. The event was successful and Playbill.com hosts their photos of the event. The Playwright's Pub donated the after-party.

Adjournment:

Charlotte moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m., seconded by Richard. Carried. The MCA will next meet for its regular monthly meeting on December 12, 2012 in room 208, Municipal Building, 245 DeKoven Drive.

Respectfully submitted
Jenny Hawkins Lecce